UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 22, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Richard Harkness, news commentator on NBC Television here in Washington, telephoned at 11:20 a.m. today. He made reference to the forthcoming release of the President's Commission report. He said NBC planned a one-hour long program Sunday evening, 9/27/64, covering the report. He would like a representative of the FBI to speak for about ten minutes on the tremendous job the FBI has done outlining data from the Commission report such as number of pages submitted, man hours expended, exhibits gathered, number of witnesses interviewed, etc. Everything the FBI representative said would, of course, said Harkness, be confined to the contents of the Commission report. Harkness said he is approaching other agencies who had anything to do with the report and also some of the Commission members and staff personnel to secure their assistance in presenting this program.

ACTION TAKEN:

Wick told Mr. Harkness it would not be possible for anyone from the FBI to appear on this program, that the FBI's work stood on its own two feet and it was believed it would be most inappropriate for the FBI to appear. Mr. Harkness said he is having difficulty with the Commission members also since they have a reluctance to appear.

Harkness said that at a later date he might come back to us with a request that some of the exhibits be shown on television since he understood the FBI had done a "tremendous job" in the exhibit field, and in pictorially presenting aspects of the investigation. Harkness said if he can be of any help to us all we need do is let him know. He wanted his best regards be given to Mr. Hoover.

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Jones

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We of course cannot [illegible] any exhibits [illegible] the letter are under control of Warren Commission [illegible]

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